IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

ALLISON M. LINKO, and NICHOLAS LINKO

:

Plaintiffs,

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 1.12-CV-355

AMERICAN EDUCATION SERVICES, : PENNSYLVANIA HIGHER EDUCATION : ASSISTANCE AGENCY, and JOHN : DOES 1 – 10 and XYZ CORPORATIONS :

:

Defendants.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL BY DEFENDANTS AMERICAN EDUCATION SERVICES, and PENNSYLVANIA HIGHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AGENCY

To: Clerk

United States District Court Middle District of Pennsylvania 228 Walnut Street

Harrisburg, PA 17102

NOW COMES the Defendants, American Education Services and the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, and hereby file this Notice of Removal of this matter from the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, where it is now pending, to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and in support thereof, avers as follows:

- 1. Plaintiffs Allison M. Linko and Nicholas Linko (hereinafter "Plaintiffs") commenced this action by the filing of a Writ of Summons with the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County on December 19, 2011. (A true and correct copy of the aforementioned document is attached hereto as "Exhibit A".)
- 2. On January 31, 2012, Plaintiffs filed their Complaint. (A true and correct copy of the aforementioned document is attached hereto as "Exhibit B".)
- 3. This removal is timely in that it is being filed and served within thirty (30) days of the date that the Defendants received of copy of Plaintiffs' Complaint. Sikirica v. Nationawide Ins. Co., 416 F.3d 214, 223 (3d Cir. 2005); Donato-Cook v. State Farm Fire & Casualty Co., 2009 WL 2169168, at *2 (M.D. Pa., July 20, 2009).
- 4. This action is a civil action over which this Court has original jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and is one which may be removed to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441(b) in that it arises under the federal Telephone

Consumer Protection Act, <u>47 U.S.C.</u> § <u>227</u>, *et seq.*, as pled on the face of the Plaintiffs' Complaint. This Court may exercise supplemental jurisdiction over any alleged state law claims pursuant to <u>28 U.S.C.</u> § <u>1367(a)</u>.

Respectfully submitted,

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